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State Insurance Commissioner in Searcy to Meet with Consumers

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (September 19, 2007) —State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman will be in Searcy on September 21, 2007, to field questions from insurance consumers. Commissioner Bowman and members of her staff will hold an informal question and answer session at the Beulah Bloodworth Building, Room 605, located at the Foothills Adult Education Center starting at 2:00 pm. Members of the public with insurance related questions are encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Bowman is traveling the state during the week of September 17-21, 2007, to discuss various insurance related topics. "Among the subjects I plan to discuss are the Medicare Advantage plans being sold to Arkansas consumers," said Bowman. "Those plans and the Medicare Part D drug plan which are both being marketed to seniors are of special concern to me." The Commissioner will have staff from her Senior Health Insurance Information Program with her on her trip.

The "Commissioner's Road Show" is a cooperative effort of the Arkansas Insurance Department and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA). September has been proclaimed by Governor Mike Beebe as "Life Insurance Awareness Month" in Arkansas.

Consumers may call the Arkansas Insurance Department at 800-282-9134 for further information.